

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School  
1012 8th Avenue  
Fourth Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
Blair County  
Pennsylvania

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

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Location: 1012 8th Avenue

Date of Erection: 1912

Description: This red brick school has brick load-bearing walls and a red brick front with limestone ornament. Three stories tall, it measures 47' to the roofline. The facade is divided into three bays separated by pilasters. The windows are flat-arched and are partly infilled with glass block. The front door is now in an end bay.

History: Ground was broken for this school on May 3, 1912; construction was completed by August 24. The interior, according to a contemporary description, had a large entrance hall, classrooms to seat 500, and a large auditorium. It was "well lighted by electricity and well ventilated." Construction cost \$25,000. In 1954 the school was remodeled, and the entrance was moved from the center to one end of the facade.

Sources: Our 75 Years Together. Altoona Tribune (August 24, 1912, January 15, 1916). kh.

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